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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 950
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Roberts V. Weaver,
Sr. and Mrs. Helen Howard Weaver.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the death of Mr. Roberts V. Weaver, Sr. and Mrs. Helen Howard Weaver, two of the state's most outstanding citizens; and

WHEREAS, during their fifty-seven years of marital bliss, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver not only shared a very special relationship as husband and wife, but were also partners in every aspect of life; they began that partnership while attending the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta who grew up in Jacksonville, Florida, Bob Weaver was the son of Walter Frost Weaver and Mary Ella Weaver; and

WHEREAS, he attended Stetson University in Deland, Florida; he subsequently transferred to the University of Tennessee, where he was highly respected and admired by students and teachers alike; and

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WHEREAS, while at the University of Tennessee, Mr. Weaver was President of his fraternity, Sigma Nu; he was also a dedicated member of the Scarabbean Society, and was named "Outstanding Senior" of his 1941 graduating class; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Mr. Weaver performed with great bravery and skill as the commander of a United States Navy submarine chaser in the Atlantic Ocean; this state and nation are indebted to him for his meritorious service; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a prominent Knoxville automotive industry executive, Mr. Weaver was also a longtime member of the South Knoxville Rotary Club, which he had served as President. He was also a Paul Harris fellow, and a merit award recipient; and

WHEREAS, his community pride and diligent efforts in the Knoxville area will long be remembered; he was the founding member of the Knoxville Credit Bureau, and a member of the Cherokee Country Club and Men's Cotillion; and

WHEREAS, Helen Howard Weaver was a champion for her husband and children throughout her life, and she was truly the glue that held her family together; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Weaver was born and raised in Knoxville; she was the daughter of Dr. Benjamin V. Howard and Mrs. Helen Morrison Howard; and

WHEREAS, education was of the utmost importance to Mrs. Weaver, she attended the Madeira School, a girl's preparatory school in Virginia, and Ogontz College, a two-year school near Philadelphia, where she was named the outstanding graduate of her class; and

WHEREAS, she completed her studies at the University of Tennessee; where she was a valued member of the student body and member of the Chi Omega Sorority; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Weaver was also a valued member of the Knoxville community, she was a member of the Junior League of Knoxville, as well as the Girl's Cotillion and the Nine O'Clock Cotillion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver were devout and valued members of the First Baptist Church of Knoxville; Mr. Weaver served with great probity on the Deacon Board and was church treasurer for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver above all else were deeply dedicated to their family, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, they were the proud parents of daughters Helen Weaver Kirk and her husband Joseph, Barbara Weaver Spence and her husband Fletcher, and son Roberts V. Weaver, Jr. and his wife Julie; and

WHEREAS, they were also the adoring grandparents of Barbara Kirk Norris and her husband Bill, Joseph Kirk, Jr. and his wife Melinda, Margaret Kirk, Ross Spence, Jason Spence and his wife Marianne, Mary Emily Spence Morris and her husband Rusty, and Annie Weaver and Helen Weaver; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver leave behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful lives of this exceptional couple; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. Roberts V. Weaver, Sr. and Mrs. Helen Howard Weaver, reflecting fondly upon their impeccable character and their stalwart commitment to their family and their community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.